

St Thomas More University Parish
Parish Council Minutes
4 February 2010

Members Present: Father Ray Ackerman, Charlie Kenney, R.C. Davis, Sam Snow, Carol Hoffman, Bill Huntington, Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover, and Sims Beeler

Members Absent: Eric Anderson

Opening

1. Meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with prayer, followed by reading and discussion of the Cycle C Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.
2. The 7 January 2010 minutes were approved.
3. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.

Pastor's Report

1. Regarding Facility Use policies and procedures. Father Ackerman stated that the archdiocesan policies and procedures would be put in effect immediately for private gatherings (i.e. wedding and other receptions). The Election Board and like users will be asked to provide an insurance document indemnifying St. Thomas More and the Archdiocese. Other organizations will be approached on a one-to-one basis and a determination made as to use status.
2. Parish collections are \$20,000 behind where they were last year at this time.
3. Fr. looking for a presenter for the ADF fund drive.
4. Due to continual problems with skunks nesting in the crawl space, leaky roof, poor insulation and sealing, as well as other problems, Fr. Ackerman has moved to the Best Western and seeking a new Rectory. Will begin looking for a rental property in which to reside temporarily.
5. Mass cancellation information to be now broadcast to community through Channel 4 news line.
6. \$12,000 has been collected so far for the sanctuary seating upgrade. RC to investigate the feasibility of pews as an alternative to chairs.

Business and Planning Committee Report

1. Facilities Planning Committee needs to schedule a meeting.

Organized Participation Committee Report

1. Bill presented Knights of Columbus 2009 Annual Report. The STM Knights provided 6,143 hours of Church and community service. Charitable monetary disbursements totaled \$18,590. Big thanks to the Knights for their charity and service to the Parish and community!
2. Parish Council elections should be held either this March or April. RC's and Sam's positions become available this year. Since Sam's is student seat, a separate election in the Fall might be preferable. Finding a replacement for Brigid's seat to be postponed until after the Spring election.

Communications Committee Report

1. Richard Love to be contacted concerning possibility of giving Fr. Ackerman the ability to make emergency posts to Parish website.

Closing

1. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:40 p.m.
2. Next meeting scheduled for 4 March 2010 at 7:00 p.m.